

I do not believe that the Washington State Ferry boats present a specific threat to US Government or State of Washington critical facilities. If a threat has been defined, what is it? I strongly believe that stringent security measures that delay vehicular and pedestrian traffic are not warranted.

If a vehicle containing an explosive device is driven aboard, the ferry would then need to be diverted from its normal route to produce significant damage to marine installations. Current USCG armed rapid response patrol boats could deal with a slow moving ferry before it could reach a target of significance.

If the terrorist objective is to produce maximum civilian casualties, the anger of reaction needs to be compared to the anger generated by repeated long delays for security checks.

Aircraft can be very effective missiles. Ferries are much less effective. Ferry security measures should address realities of ferry threat rather than copy aircraft security measures.

Another comment period will be necessary after security plans have been presented to the public.